## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **CALTRANS GIVES YOU A BREAK**

**Inland Empire** – Holiday travel has begun and everyone is on the go. In an effort to make your trip smoother, Caltrans has no planned lane closures from Friday, December 23, 2005 at 6:00 a.m. through Tuesday, January 3, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. This means no lane closures will take place on state routes for non-emergency work. Lane closures may be necessary in the event of emergency roadwork or an accident.

If you plan to travel during the holiday, please plan ahead. Call our Public Affairs office at (909) 383-4631 or check our website for traffic conditions at <a href="www.dot.ca.gov/dist8">www.dot.ca.gov/dist8</a>. You may also call (800) 427-ROAD for statewide highway information. Don't forget that the toll free number for road conditions can now be accessed from Nevada using the 702 area code. You may also tune to local radio stations for traffic reports.

Caltrans is working in partnership with the California Highway Patrol to implement the Statewide Traffic Action Response (STAR) campaign designated by the California Office of Transportation Safety. Caltrans is dedicated to using the changeable message signs (CMS) on freeways to give safety messages to the traveling public during the next two weeks. When you see the message – remember it may save a life.

Caltrans wishes you and your family a safe and happy holiday season. Please buckle up and never drink and drive.

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